

AMONG YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S GIFTS WAS THERE ANY—

But that would spoil the story. It is to be told, with pictures, all very engaging, in Next Sunday's Republic.

NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

STARVATION FOLLOWED THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Hunger Is Depopulating Porto Rico—Island's Industry Blighted.

BY ROBERT E. PATTERSON.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—Many men to whom I have spoken of the terrible condition in Porto Rico have said: "It is a tragedy, and then they have turned away."

"Yes, it is very dreadful that people should be starving, but they are not dying."

Several philosophers have suggested that the poverty and misery is only the normal result of a war, and that we should allow the people to starve, and then, as a little later, when the war is over, we should come and take care of them.

There is a certain amount of suffering under these circumstances.

For people have said that the extent of the misery in Porto Rico is that in the coffee districts the mortality has been one death in every ten of population.

In New York City a corresponding mortality would mean a monthly death list of half a million.

There is no plague in Porto Rico, but the plague of hunger, and the starvation directly or indirectly this terrible mortality is due. It gives an American a queer feeling to travel in sight of his own flag and realize that people are dying of hunger.

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THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

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IT IS A QUESTION CONCERNING MARRIAGE.

Ably discussed by all sorts of people, and if you're human, you'll find it interesting. One of the many features planned for Next Sunday's Republic.

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AMERICA CASTS HER LOT WITH ENGLAND.

Great Britain and the United States Are Acting in Concert.

QUESTION OF INDEMNITY.

France and Russia Are Trying to Force the President's Hand.

GERMANS CHECKED BY CHINESE TROOPS.

London, Oct. 7.—The Standard has the following from Tientsin, dated Friday, October 6: "A German force came into collision with Chinese troops, described as 'Gowans', a few miles south of Tientsin, about midnight. The Germans were checked and compelled to retreat on Tientsin. "There is reason to believe that the Chinese in this case were not 'Gowans', but were Li Hung Chang's army, who had been ordered to wait near the frontier in case of a possible invasion. The Chinese would have been prepared to fight."

able made for indemnification. The situation is extremely delicate, but it is a safe guess that the United States will do what Great Britain suggests. Neither Germany nor Great Britain wants the indemnity question played to the front just now. It is evident that German and British indemnification can be had without the adoption of the indemnity scheme. The President has not ordered the American Navy in the East to be re-enforced to cooperate with a French or Russian fleet, but plainly with the British fleet. "No matter American interest," and one of his big interests now is this very matter of indemnity.

Amia Directed by Britain.

The theory always advanced by the President is that the main point is to open door in China. It is being urged now as the reason for increasing the American fleet in Asiatic waters. As a matter of fact, the re-enforcement was published to the world at the suggestion of Great Britain. It is clear that the nations in China might know that in case the indemnity question became acute or ran counter to the British plan, the fleets of the British navy would have to reckon with the combined English and American fleet. The United States simply is being directed by Great Britain in this indemnity question.

It does not suit Great Britain at this time to agree to a certain sum for army and navy expenses, and some fear prices paid for munitions will be too high.

Great Britain has her own scheme for the settlement of the whole Chinese question. This scheme will probably not antagonize the Kaiser's territorial ambition in China, the Kaiser, and not France and Russia, to be the price of his share.

Great Britain will not be ungenerous to the United States in the round-up of the prizes in China. Maybe the United States will be satisfied with another theory about the open door, but it looks now as if when the indemnities are being arranged to suit Great Britain, the United States will be asked to accept a strip of territory. The President's policy has been to let Great Britain's scheme for her in South Africa, in Alaska, in Samoa, in Nicaragua and some other places.



Teddy: "It aint no use Mark, that fellow has queered us in this State."

TRAIN PASSES OVER BOY YET HE IS UNINJURED.

Nine-Year-Old Adny Edmonds of Granite City Has a Remarkable Escape From Death Under a Big Four Freight—Mother Witnessed His Peril.

Adny Edmonds, 9 years old, who lives with his parents three miles north of Granite City, had a miraculous escape from death yesterday. He fell between two freight cars of a moving Big Four train, and after fourteen cars had passed over him he emerged unhurt.

Adny's mother witnessed the accident, and as the big train of cars flashed past the spot where her boy had fallen she almost became hysterical.

As she was weeping bitterly for some one to save her son, the dining passenger car stopped at his feet and began to move. The boy was lying on his back, and his head was under the wheels of the car. He was not hurt.

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LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Fair and continued cool Monday and Tuesday; fresh northwesterly winds.

For Illinois-Fair and cool Monday and Tuesday; fresh northwesterly winds.

For Arkansas-General fair Monday and Tuesday; northerly winds.

1. Army and Navy Aids \$200,000,000.

2. Railroad News From All Points.

3. American Traders Go to England.

4. Editorial.

5. Death of Father H. J. Hayes.

6. Republics of the World.

7. Sermone and Sermons at the "Church."

8. Movement of Grain.

9. Grocer Employees Ask Shorter Hours.

10. Shot into Negro Mob.

11. Imprisoned Station Agent Then.

12. Boundary Settled.

13. Amiable Adjustment Between.

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FILIPINOS COPY AMERICAN TACTICS.

Maneuvers of the Native Soldiers Are More Skillful Than Formerly.

Manila, Oct. 7.—Four troops of cavalry and two companies of infantry have recently re-enforced General Young in Northern Luzon, where the insurgents are concentrating in the mountains of North and South Cebu Provinces, under the leadership of Aguinaldo, the excommunicated priest and revolutionary.

General Timpo and General Villanueva, who had been quiet for some time, are now showing signs of becoming active, as the end of the rainy season approaches.

Of late there has been considerable scouting and skirmishing in the provinces of Abra and North Cebu, though without any serious results. It is believed, however, that the maneuvers of the Filipinos are more skillful than formerly and that the field tactics of the Americans are being followed by them.

General Mabini, the virtual founder of the Philippine Republic, who was captured by the Americans last December and held in jail in Manila, has been liberated. As he had always persistently refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States Government he had maintained his reputation among the Filipinos as a resolute patriot.

These good words that he has reached a private understanding with the American authorities, which has secured his release; and, consequently, he has lost some of his popularity, although he is still considered the leader of the militant revolutionary element.

This week the commission will begin the work of re-organizing the Philippine army, the results of the investigation of the Army Board in this direction. It is the intention of the commission to give American troops a better chance than it has heretofore enjoyed, owing to the high death rate.

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